

sermon notes

The Next Great Event in Bible Prophecy 1 Thessalonians 4:15-18 — sermon for June 23, 2024

introduction: One of the strongest evidences that the Bible is the word of God is its fulfilled prophecies. Hundreds of the Bible's prophecies have been fulfilled accurately. However, everything predicted in the Bible has not been fulfilled . . . yet. But based on the Bible's track record, you can be certain that its prophecies that have not been fulfilled yet will be fulfilled precisely. The next great event in Bible prophecy is the rapture.

1. Belief in the rapture is based on the word of the ___Lord___ Himself. He will descend from heaven (1 Thessalonians 4:15-16).

supporting Scriptures: John 14:2-3; Titus 2:12-13

2. The physical bodies of believers in Jesus who have ___died___ will be raised and raptured (1 Thessalonians 4:15-16).

supporting Scriptures: Philippians 3:20-21

3. Believers who are ___alive___ at the time of the rapture will be caught up to be with the Lord (1 Thessalonians 4:17).

supporting Scriptures: Acts 8:39; 2 Corinthians 12:2, 4
Genesis 5:24; 2 Kings 2:11

4. All those who are saved will spend ___eternity___ with the Lord (1 Thessalonians 4:17).

supporting Scriptures: 1 Corinthians 15:51-53; 1 John 3:2

personal applications:

1. ___Comfort___ those who are saved with the truth of the rapture (1 Thessalonians 4:18).

2. Tell people who are ___not saved___ about the rapture and how they can be ready for it by trusting Jesus as their personal Savior (Matthew 24:21; 2 Corinthians 6:2).